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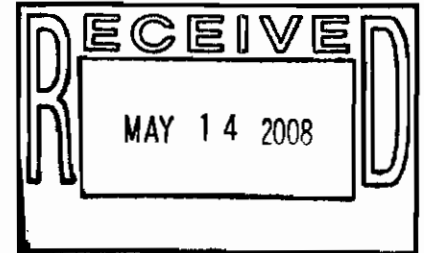
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May 14, 2008

Honorable Joseph J. Farnan, Jr.  
U.S. District Court  
J. Caleb Boggs Federal Building  
844 King Street  
Wilmington, Delaware 19801



**RE: *United States v. Ira Bland***  
**Criminal Action No.: 08-37-JJF**  
**Our File No.: 2008-00128**

Dear Judge Farnan:

This letter is in response to our status conference of May 9, 2008 and in accordance with same.

I represent Ira Bland on the above captioned case. I have spoken to Mr. Bland at length and he has now officially reiterated to me his request for new counsel.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luis A. Ortiz".

Luis A. Ortiz  
Assistant Federal Public Defender

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cc: Ira Bland